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U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
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Re: Docket Numbers 98N-1230, 96P-0418, 97P-0197

Dear Sir or Madam:

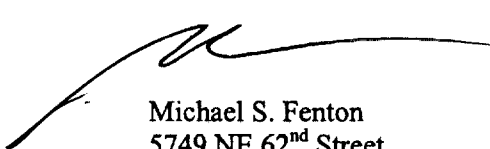
As a concerned U.S. citizen, I feel very strongly that the FDA must:

1. Do more than put bacteria warning labels on egg cartons and regulate egg refrigeration temperatures.
2. Prohibit the practice of forced molting because forced molting has been scientifically shown to promote disease by destroying hen's immune systems.
3. Use its jurisdiction to ban farm practices, such as forced molting, that injure human health.
4. Ban the forced molting of laying hens because forced molting is a primary cause of infectious diseases in hens, eggs, and consumers of eggs. The cruelty and contamination are linked.

The cruelty to animals that forced molting involves, combined with the harmful effects on human health which result, should make it self-evident for the FDA to use its power to intercede in this matter. I ask that you do so as soon as possible.

Should you have any questions, I can be contacted during business hours at (206) 524-9900. I would appreciate a written reply to this letter.

Sincerely,



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